GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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FARES OF RAJDHANI SHATABDI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 25 percent increase in the fares of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express with effect from 1st July,1999 is owing to the expenditure on catering services;

(b) if so, whether out of the increase 25 percent only 18 per cent fare is paid to catering licenses;

(c) if so, the head for which the remaining 7 percent has been kept reserved by the Railways with them;

(d) the amount collected by the Government from the above mentioned additional 7 percent share from 1st July, 1999 till date and the purpose for which this share is reserved by the Government;

(e) the amount from the above said 7 percent share utilised by the Government so far to improve the catering facilities;

(f) whether the above said seven percent share is included by the Government in its own revenue income; and

(g) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): The increase in ticket fare of Rajdhani/Shatabdi with effect from 1.7.1999 was not solely owing to the revised catering charges.

(b): Out of the catering apportionment charges included in the ticket fare, 18 % has been paid to the catering licensees after deducting prescribed licence fee.

(c): The remaining 7 per cent has been kept aside to meet unforeseen expenditure towards catering on these trains on account of late running of trains, extra services involved in case of change of timings, route etc.

(d) to (g): The entire fare collected in respect of Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains is credited to the earnings head of Indian Railways and expenditure on account of catering services thereof is part of Ordinary Working Expenses.